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1. COINS Planning:

Chairman has completed his external visits (NSA, DIA, National Academy of Sciences - Warren House, NSC - Joyce) in effort to improve mutual understanding of attitudes and options re COINS. Found that open discussion was possible on such options as (a) CIA's participating in COINS only via query remotes and CIA files made available (vice computer participation) and (b) redesign of COINS network to centralize all files on one computer.

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Chairman said he has in hand various staff papers on COINS planning, including [] paper saying a shared-computer environment (vice dedicated) for COINS should be the target and suggesting ways to satisfy security concerns. [] reiterated a computer dedicated to COINS may still be needed for security reasons... in the short run, at least.) He is still analyzing data and will propose a plan for proceeding on COINS in near future.

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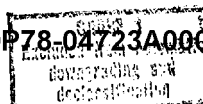
Chairman asked if two COINS nodes (Hqs. and NPIC) were necessary or if one (Hqs.) might suffice. [] replied that NPIC is participating now only in passive mode because system is not presently certified for T/KH. Chairman said he understands CIA Security has given green light to T/KH for COINS under conditions we can meet but that other agencies in the system are having difficulty providing adequate protection to terminals. [] said the problem lies with DIA's plan to link its non-T/KH field commands with the COINS net. [] said current interpretation in his Directorate of DCID 1/16 is that all terminals and users must be cleared for highest level of the system. [] said he did not have that interpretation. Chairman said he would seek clarification on this issue from []

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